

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SHIFTING BASE OF MILITANT TO SOUTH INDIA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Laskhar-e-Tayba has shifted its terror base to South India as part of its strategy to gain publicity and create discord;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Inputs about the activities of terrorist outfits such as Laskhar-e-Tayba (LeT) etc. are received from time to time and necessary action is taken whenever required.

(c): The policy of the Government is to counter the challenge posed by terrorism by way of a multi-pronged strategy. In pursuance of this strategy, the Government has taken various measures on political, security and development fronts. The Government is willing to talk to all those groups who agree to abjure violence. On the security front, the counter terrorism measures include effective border management to check infiltration across the borders, deployment of Central Forces to aid the State Police Forces in areas prone to terrorist violence, heightened vigil and security arrangements and around vital installations, strengthening of intelligence gathering and sharing capabilities, particularly at the cutting edge level, augmentation and modernization of police forces and raising of India Reserve Battalions, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment with the Central and State Police Forces and steps taken to achieve bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation to deal with the global imperatives of terrorism. On the development front, a variety of measures have been taken to accelerate developmental activities in the areas affected by terrorism/extremism.